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## **ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 12 1/2 YEARS IN PRISON**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that an illegal alien has been sentenced in federal court for entering the United States after having been deported.

**Roberto Madrigal-Lopez**, 33, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr on Monday to 12 years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 3, 2005, **Madrigal-Lopez** pleaded guilty to illegally reentering the United States following deportation for conviction of aggravated felonies. **Madrigal-Lopez** has been deported from the United States on numerous occasions, Graves said, most recently on March 25, 2005. He was convicted in California of sale of heroin, possession of heroin for sale and auto theft. He was also convicted in Arkansas of sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 14, and has prior convictions for illegal reentry.

**Madrigal-Lopez** was arrested on Aug. 3, 2005, following a high-speed chase (at speeds up to 120 miles per hour) by Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers and Cedar County Sheriff's deputies in Cedar County, Mo.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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